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Happy New Year! As we turn the page to a new chapter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and look forward to all that lies ahead for our beautiful village. It is a privilege to serve as your mayor and to be a part of such a vibrant and supportive community.

Over the past year, we've achieved significant milestones together. From enhancing public spaces to supporting local businesses and ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents, your involvement and collaboration have been invaluable. I am proud of the resilience and spirit our village continues to demonstrate.

As we step into this new year, my commitment to you remains steadfast: to foster growth, strengthen our sense of community, and ensure Port Washington North remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play. This year, we are excited to embark on new projects that will further enhance our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and recreational opportunities.

Community engagement is at the heart of our success, and I encourage each of you to stay involved—whether by attending village meetings, participating in events, or sharing your thoughts and ideas with us. Together, we can achieve great things.

Wishing you and your families a year filled with health, happiness, and prosperity. Let's continue to build on our successes and make 2025 a year to remember for Port Washington North.

Warm regards,

Bob Weitzner
Mayor Village of Port Washington North

Updates From the December 10th Board Meeting

- Formally appointed Chris Prior as new Village Attorney effective Jan 1, 2025
- Approved engineering services for H2M to complete MS4 & sewer outfall inventory analysis
- Approved Port Washington Fire Department 2025 Fire & EMS Protection Contract
- Independent auditors report was presented by Cullen & Danowski, LLP by partner Christopher Reino, CPA, CITP. The report found that the Village was in excellent financial condition with zero deficiencies and a healthy fund balance

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Celebrating Stuart Besen's Service and Welcoming Christopher Prior as Village Attorney



The Village of Port Washington North recently honored Stuart Besen for his dedication and outstanding performance as Village Attorney. Stuart Besen has served as a trusted partner, providing invaluable legal expertise and guidance to the Village. His efforts have ensured compliance with regulations, supported careful planning, and contributed to the smooth operation of village governance.

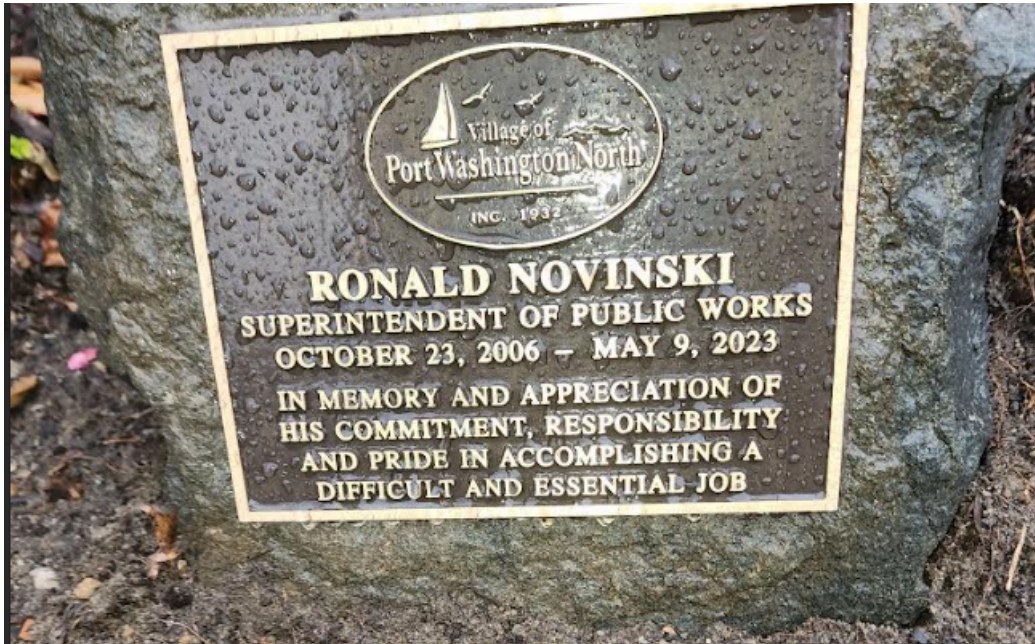
In addition to his contributions to Port Washington North, Stuart Besen has a distinguished career, having served as Assistant Town Attorney for Huntington, Town of Smithtown Special Counsel, and Suffolk County Legislative Counsel. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Stuart's commitment to family and community continues to inspire many.

Mayor Bob Weitzner expressed the Village's sincere gratitude for Stuart's exceptional service and proclaimed recognition of his profound impact on Port Washington North.

As Stuart Besen steps away from his role, the Village warmly welcomes Christopher Prior Partner of Mclaughlin & Stern, LLP as the new Village Attorney. Christopher brings a wealth of legal expertise and a commitment to maintaining the Village's strong foundation. His role will include supporting local projects, ensuring compliance, and guiding the Village's legal matters with precision and care. Fortunately, Christopher is not new to the Village, as he previously served as Legal Counsel to our Planning & Zoning Boards.

The Village Board and residents extend their heartfelt appreciation to Stuart Besen for his years of service and look forward to working closely with Christopher Prior to continue building a thriving and vibrant community.

Monument in Honor of Ronald Novinski



A tree is planted as a living tribute to Ronald Novinski, who served as Superintendent of Public Works for the Village of Port Washington North with exceptional dedication and care from October 23, 2006, until his retirement on July 22nd, 2023. Ronald passed away on September 7, 2023.

Ronald played a vital role in maintaining and improving the village's infrastructure, overseeing public works projects, enhancing parks and green spaces, and ensuring the safety and beauty of our community. His tireless efforts kept our roads clear, our neighborhoods well-maintained, and our public spaces welcoming for all.

Much like this tree, Ronald's work provided strength, stability, and growth to our village. May it stand as a symbol of his legacy—rooted in hard work, care, and commitment to the place he served so faithfully.

Planted in loving memory, this monument ensures that Ronald's spirit will continue to inspire and thrive in the heart of our community for generations to come.

Mulch Fest Recycle Your Trees



Residents can bring their non-artificial Christmas tree (with decorations and ornaments removed) to North Hempstead Beach Park or Clinton G. Martin Park to be upcycled and mulched. This tree recycling event will transform Christmas trees into mulch which will be used to help the soil and plants at local Town parks.



For more information please call 311 or 516-869-6311.

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New York Blood Center Blood Drive

Celebrating National Blood Donor Month

Wednesday, January 8th
3:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Port Washington Polish Hall
5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington

To make an appointment:
https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code
Code **72487**

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
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Be someone's lifesaver—your donation can make a difference!

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